The Bible & Daily Living

Jesus' beginning ministry

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JESUS' BEGINNING MINISTRY
Lesson for March 4, 1984
Bible Passage: Mark 1: 14-28

INTRODUCTION

From now until Easter our lessons will be in Mark's Gospel. We will focus upon the early beginnings of Jesus' ministry. If we want to know something about Jesus as the Son of God, Mark's Gospel will illuminate our journey.

Much of our study will focus upon Jesus as he ministered to human need. We know that Jesus came to minister unto others, not to be ministered unto. We also know that Jesus and his ministry were affirmed by his heavenly father.

Mark was careful to emphasize how Jesus had to contend with threatening forces, how he was victorious over them. Throughout his ministry Jesus blessed small children, healed the sick, and taught the way to enter into the kingdom of God.

Over the next two months our study of Mark's Gospel will help us appreciate the ministry of Jesus, and hopefully challenge us to carry on his ministry in our personal and public life. He is our example and model for ministry to the needy of this world.

His Preaching Ministry [Mark 1: 14-15

Jesus came preaching about a kingdom, entrance into which could be gained only through repentance of sin and belief in the gospel. The idea of a kingdom or rule was a longing of the Jews. During the Roman oppression the Christians lived for a new kingdom in which peace and tranquility would reign. There was a keen hope that swords would be beaten into ploughs.

But the kingdom that Jesus preached required a radical change of each individual who wished to enter. Entrance not only required confession and turning from unrighteousness, it also required belief in Jesus.

Proclamation is not merely the responsibility of the minister in the pulpit. It is the responsibility of every Christian to share in word and deed the love of God.

His "Fishing" Ministry [Mark 1:16-20

Jesus not only spent time proclaiming the kingdom; he also devoted energy to calling disciples to follow him. He knew he could not do all of the ministry that needed to be done, so he called others into service with him. Disciples are people who learn from a master in order to carry on his ideals.

It is important to remember that Jesus called ordinary people, not superhumans. He called Simon and Andrew who were fisherman. They eagerly responded to the invitation to exchange their job of catching fish to "catching" people for the kingdom. They made a unique sacrifice of their profession to become involved in the service of God's son.

Someone once said to a group of young people: "If God calls you into his service, don't stoop to become President of the United States." There is truth in this thought. God does not require every person to leave their jobs to be disciples. Anyone can be a disciple in the King's army of servants.

His Absolute Authority [Mark 1: 21-28]

Mark's Gospel is strong on proclaiming the authority of Christ. Through miracle and teaching we c catch a clear vision of Jesus as the Saviour of people and the authority over disease, demons, and death.

People who witnessed the miracles of Jesus encountered first hand the power and authority of the Kingdom of God. Jesus epitomized the nature of the Kingdom by freeing those who were possessed, healing those who were broken, and befriending those wh who were dispossessed.

We, too, are called to carry on this same ministry. Class members can decide how they will minister to someone in their own community this week.

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Mt. Pleasant church news notes

We are looking to have a wonderful fellowship at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in May.

The Rev. J. E. Whitman and members of his congregation from Zion Progress Baptist Church in Detroit will be special guests on the program.

Our pastor, the Rev. Napier delivered a wonderful message Sunday. The Junior Choir furnished music.

We were sorry to learn that Clinton Saunders broke his leg at school last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Don't forget the talent program this Sunday at 3 p.m. There was a mix-up on the information phone numbers if you wish to appear on the program, call Mrs. Claudie Wooldridge at 248-6283, or Odell Chambers at 248-5510.

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MINISTER O'DELL COGGINS and his daughter, Jan Coggins, hold the keys to the new Spears Mountain Baptist Church.

Spears Mt. church news

The first services in the new Spears Mountain Baptist Church (formerly Bagby Baptist Church) will be held on March 4, 1984.

The church is located off Route 60 on Route 604. Sunday School services will be held at 10 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month, and at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Following the services in the new church on March 4, a luncheon will be held. All are invited to attend.

Jordan church news notes

A prayer meeting will be held at Jordan Church Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Usher Board will be sponsoring The Heavenly Gospel Singers in concert on Sunday, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy this program.

The Young Adult Choir will practice Tuesday, Mar. 6, at 7 p.m.

The Senior Choir will practice Thursday, Mar. 8, with Mrs. Womack, Time of practice is 7:30 p.m.

The Gospel Harmonettes will sponsor a chitterling and chicken supper here on March 10. Chitterling and chicken plates will be sold, along with hot dogs and hamburgers, beginning at 11 a.m.

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Worship: a A tradition in Appomattox County

By FRANCES H. ABBITT

A strong belief in formal worship, resulting in affiliation with a church of one's denominational preference, has been characteristic of Appomattox people since the formation of the county.

The number of churches in the area has grown over the years. With the years too, have come changes, not only in buildings and means of travel but in religious customs. Many changes are the direct result of changing times and the standard of living.

Today, when we get into our cars, cooled or heated, depending on the season, we don't give a thought as to how our ancestors got to church.

At most churches in the early days each family had a reserved hitching place. Maybe not formally reserved, but in time certain places automatically became the hitching place of given families.

In many families the only time the surry or carriage was used with any regularity was for church attendance. Consequently, the horses soon knew that when they were hitched to the surry or carriage, it meant a trip to church, and it was easy for the animals to go to church and stop in the appointed place.

The story is told of the late Joel Morris of Appomattox County, who, during his lifetime, was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and had a rather unusual experience one Sunday morning.

Morris, already dressed for church, went outside to hitch the horses to the surry, or whatever he was driving. Finishing his work, he went inside to wait for his family. When the family came out to get into the surry there was nothing in sight, no surry, no horses.

Sooner or later Morris realized what had happened. The horses had grown tired of waiting and just left for the church... sure enough, there they were in their accustomed hitching place.

Once people got to church in the old days they often had a special place to sit. There are some who remember when churches had designated pews for families; it may even be the practice today in some denominations for families to sit in certain seats. A few back then had family names on the pews. Many of the churches in the old days had a sort of rail down the middle section (if the church had two aisles) separating the men from the women. Or, in some instances, with a center aisle, the women sat on one side and the men on the other.

Rules of conduct becoming a church member, whether written or otherwise, were far different from the accepted standard of conduct today. For those individuals who failed to comply with the generally accepted guidelines for proper conduct for a church member, the punishment in some churches was "churching". To be churched meant to be brought before the governing board of the church of which one was a member.

One Appomattox County man, Herbert M. Abbitt, tells the story (declared to be true by several family members) of his grandmother, Frances Webb Abbitt and her misconduct. The lady, a pillar of society and a member in good standing of New Hope Baptist Church was churched. Mrs. Abbitt, whose husband was one of the co-founders of New Hope Church was active in all affairs of the church work. She loved her church, her children and music.

One afternoon, so the story goes, she was playing the organ in her ancestral home, Gravel Knoll, when a member of the church deacon board came calling unexpectedly. He looked through the door and saw the lady playing the organ.

Now, playing the organ was fine...but she was playing it the children to dance, something like "Ring Around the Rosy" and even though it seemed innocent enough, dancing meant trouble for a Baptist Church member back then. She was brought before the church for her misconduct.

According to Mrs. Mott Harvey, who is 93 years of age and a member of Evergreen Baptist Church, the term churching meant being put out of the fellowship of the church and off the membership for a given length of time. After a period of time had elapsed, the member would be permitted to rejoin in good faith.

Mrs. Harvey, who has been a Sunday School teacher for 41 years remembers walking to church. She carried her shoes in her hands until they crossed the railroad tracks on the way to Rocks Baptist Church from the Evergreen Community and after they crossed the tracks they would put on their shoes and go on to the services.

"I remember Grandma riding to a church meeting at Rocks on a horse. She wore her best bonnet and a clean white apron. There were huge rocks at the church to aid the ladies in dismounting," she remembered.

There have been a lot of changes in the church during my 93 years," she commented. "The greatest changes have been in the modernization of buildings, electricity, Sunday School rooms, educational facilities and more information to aid in teaching. I even remember teaching in the pulpit during Sunday School when the church only had one room," she concluded.

A few older Appomattox citizens remember church services without music; the song leader often used a pitch pipe to get the congregation going on the right note.

While a lot of things have changed about church-going, the mode of travel, the facilities, even the relaxed standard of conduct for church members, one thing has remained the same...the need for worship, together, on a regular basis.

Editor's Note - The TIMES-VIRGINIAN is interested in material for good news stories, features, histories, articles about special events or any church-related happenings. If your church has anything along this line, contact the Times-Virginian at 352-8215.

ODU group will perform at Liberty church

The Old Dominion University Baptist Student Union Music Team, Heavenbound, will be performing at Liberty Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Mar. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The group, consisting of 15 students, will present contemporary Christian music. They perform, for the most part, in the Tidewater area and a few other selected areas in the state.

The program will be a coffee house format and the public is invited to attend.

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Crystal Dawn Carter

Miss Carter to marry

Barbara Daubenspeck proudly announces the engagement of her daughter, Crystal Dawn Carter to Robert Wayne Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas, all of Pamplin.

Miss Carter is a senior at Appomattox County High School and is employed by the Appomattox County Primary School.

Mr. Thomas attended Appomattox County High School and is employed by Martin's Dairy.

The wedding is planned for June 23 at 2 p.m. at Elon Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Keaton, Newman engaged

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Talmadge Moore, of Mechanicsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Monice Keaton of Mechanicsville, to Charles Michael Newman of Ashland, son of Mrs. Kenneth Eugene Williams of Carrollton and Mr. Charles Terrance Newman of Houma, Louisiana. Mr. Newman is the grandson of Mrs. John Robert Ferguson of Appomattox.

Ms. Keaton was graduated from Old Dominion University and received her master's degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Newman was graduated from the University of Richmond and received his master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is employed by Fluor Arabia Limited in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

A June wedding is planned in Richmond.

Retired teachers slate meeting

The Appomattox County Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, Mar. 6, at 12 noon in the Masonic Hall of Appomattox.

Ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter will serve luncheon.

An interesting program has been planned by Claudine O'Brien. All members please plan to attend.

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SOCIAL

Wooten, Williams are wed

The wedding of Miss Cynthia Diane Wooten to Charles Leroy Williams, Jr. took place Feb. 18, 1984 at Freedom Baptist Church. The Rev. Thomas Coy officiated at the ceremony. Friends and relatives attended.

Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wooten of Appomattox. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Williams of Appomattox. Cynthia and Charles are both seniors at Appomattox County High School.

The couple will reside in Appomattox.

Celebrates birthday

Mr. Jack Mack celebrated his 69th birthday Saturday night with 25 members of his family.

Out-of-town guests included a son, Charles Mack; a daughter, Ann Trimble, and her daughter, both of Baltimore, Md.; his brother, Henry Mack, and his friend, Mary Venny, both of Stroudsburg, Pa.; and his sister, Ezia Edwards, of Pamplin.

The dinner was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henderson.

Woman's club to meet

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet on Saturday, March 3 at noon at The Heritage Inn Restaurant.

The Home Life Department will be in charge of the program.

Members planning to attend are asked to call Mary Frances Bryant, 352-8769; Ruth Webb, 352-5382 or Rosa Campbell, 352-8719.

Social notes

Mrs. Richard Burge, of Lynchburg, was luncheon guest of Mrs. Edna Anderson on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harris, of Chestnut Grove, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCormick and Mrs. Richard Burge visited in the home of Mrs. Janie Chenault on Sunday afternoon.

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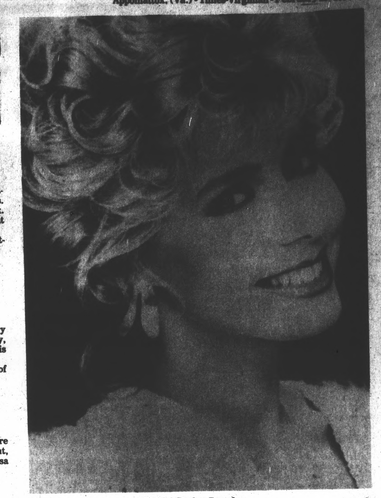

Kylene Barker Brandon

Will M.C. pageant

Virginia's first and only Miss America, Kylene Barker Brandon, will return to her home state next week to serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Miss Longwood College Pageant.

The Pageant, a Miss America preliminary, will be held Saturday, March 3, at 8 p.m. in Jarman Auditorium at Longwood. Tickets will be available at the door ($2.50 for adults; $1.50 for students).

Kylene Barker was Miss America in 1979.

In addition to being MC for the Miss Longwood Pageant, she also will sing a medley of songs.

Ten contestants will compete for $1,800 in scholarships, including $1,000 and a cash prize for the winner, who will advance to the Miss Virginia Pageant in July.

Donald Winkley, director of the Miss Longwood Pageant, said he is "extremely pleased" that Ms. Brandon has accepted the invitation to MC the pageant. This year's pageant marks the 25th anniversary of the Miss Longwood Pageant.

Thanks to the help of many local businesses and individuals the production should be a real crowd-pleaser." More than 1,000 attended last year.

Special entertainment for this year's pageant also includes "break dancing" by the Hi-Tech Breakers from the Debbie Copeland Dance Center in Virginia Beach and music by Longwood's Jazz Ensemble and "Lancer Edition."

Ms. Brandon has appeared on NBC's "Today Show" on numerous occasions as a fashion consultant and was chosen by the "Today Show" to do a "behind the scenes" report on last year's Miss America Pageant.

She owns and operates a fashion boutique, "d. Kylene," on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach, FL.

She won the title of Miss America as a gymnast and continues to promote good health and fitness. She has just released her own exercise album, "Stamina With Style," and also has written a book on fitness, fashion, and beauty called Southern Beauty. The book will be published by Simon & Schuster in August.

"My book goes beyond fitness," she said in a recent interview. "The book includes tips for dressing and style as well," she noted, claiming "the Twiggy-look is out." She said her Palm Beach business has given her a greater knowledge of fashion and style and it is reflected in her book.

She recently was named Rave Home Permanent's "First Image Maker." She has traveled as spokesperson for the Manmade Fiber Producers' Association.

Spring dance planned

A spring dance, A Red and White Gala Affair, will be held at the Southside Country Club on Friday, March 2, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Yam Brothers. There will be a dance contest and prizes.

Admission is $3.00. BYOB.

Benefit pancake supper slated

The Oakville Ruritans will sponsor a pancake supper March 30, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Oakville School building.

Proceeds from the supper will go to Linda Booth, who was injured last fall when a farm trailer came loose from a tractor on a hillside and ran over her.

Numerous organizations, churches and individuals have helped her, but much more financial assistance is needed and will be greatly appreciated by her family and friends.

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